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Dear Ms. Rutherford:

EPA has reviewed FMC Corporation's response to EPA's comments on Methyl DVEster (CAS No. 61898-95-1) posted on July 19, 2002. EPA requested clarification of the "closed system intermediate" claim in two areas. The additional documentation provided by FMC Corporation in its September 17, 2002 response to EPA comments adequately address the clarifications requested by EPA. Therefore, the "closed system intermediate" claim is supported.

EPA will post this letter on the HPV Challenge Web site within the next few days. If you have any questions about this response, please contact Richard Hefter, Chief of the HPV Chemicals Branch, at 202-564-7649. Submit questions about the HPV Challenge Program through the "Contact Us" link on the HPV Challenge Program Web site pages or through the TSCA Assistance Information Service (TSCA Hotline) at (202) 554-1404. The TSCA Hotline can also be reached by e-mail at [tsca-hotline@epa.gov](mailto:tsca-hotline@epa.gov).

I thank you for your participation in the HPV Challenge Program.

Sincerely,

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Oscar Hernandez, Director  
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Enclosure

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